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LETTER DATED 10 MAY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EL SALVADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to write to reiterate my Government's willingness, in accordance with the commitments reflected in the Mexico Agreements concluded between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) in Mexico City on 27 April 1991, to resume direct negotiations during the second half of this month on the basis of a narrowed-down list of issues as a continuation of the discussion of the subjects agreed upon in the Caracas Agenda with the aim of reaching, as a matter of priority, a political agreement on armed forces and the agreements necessary to bring about the cessation of armed confrontation subject to verification by the United Nations. The negotiations should be preceded by a brief direct meeting of an organizational nature early in the month.

My Government also reaffirms its agreement with the time-limit of 30 May 1991 set by the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) in the document dated 16 March 1991 which was delivered to the Foreign Ministers of Latin American countries, the European Community and the United Nations at the Interministerial Conference of Central American and European Community countries held at Managua, Nicaragua.

In that document, FMLN unilaterally proposed, and my Government was very pleased to accept, 30 May 1991 as the latest date for "reaching agreement on the basic issues and, as far as possible, on other points contained in the Caracas Agenda, so as to conclude the first stage of the negotiation with the achievement of a cease-fire and provide for the continuation of the negotiations".

I ask that you kindly arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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